

MINUTES

City Council

Monday, June 7, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Mayor Holder welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Devotional & Pledge of Allegiance: Councilmember Bethune offered the opening prayer and Mayor Holder invited everyone to join in the pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call: Mayor Holder presided. **Members of Council:** Councilmember Bethune, Councilmember Hall, Councilmember Jones, Councilmember Kicklighter, Councilmember Motes, Councilmember Shuman and Councilmember Spilliards.

Staff Present: Brian Johnson, City Manager; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Pam Franklin, HR Director; Clara Rouse, Finance Director; Nathan Mai-Lombardo, Planning Director; Ben Brengman, IT Director; David Lyons, Chief of Police; Jimmy Crosby, Fire Chief; Randall, Griffin, Public Works Director; Charles Draeger, Water Operations Director and Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director.

Visitors: Chris Lightle and Jason Martin with Karp, Ronning & Tindol.

Mayor Holder said City Council held a Pre-Agenda Session prior to tonight's meeting. He said no decisions were made during the Pre-Agenda Session.

Mayor Holder said we have several Boy Scouts here tonight in the audience. He said they are working toward getting their merit badges.

Received Public Comment:

Request to address City Council: Ms. Jeanne Seaver addressed City Council on her qualifications for the 12th Congressional District seat.

Request to address City Council: Mr. Michael Gaster addressed City Council on his qualifications for the 2nd District Senate seat.

Presentation of the 2009 Audit by Karp, Ronning & Tindol Certified Public Accountants:

Mr. Jason Martin presented the financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2009. He said the 2009 audit was free of any material mistakes and the City is in good financial shape.

City Council Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Shuman, City Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes dated 6/7/10.

Staff Reports:

Planning Director presented the Planning & Economic Development Department's Monthly Status Report.

HR Director presented the Human Resources Department's Monthly Status Report.

Finance Director presented the Finance Department's Monthly Status Report.

IT Director presented the Information Technology Department's Monthly Status Report.

Recreation Director presented the Parks & Recreation Department's Monthly Status Report.

Public Works Director presented the Public Works Department's Monthly Status Report.

Water Operations Director presented the Water Operations Department's Monthly Status Report.

Fire Chief presented the Fire Department's Monthly Status Report.

Police Chief presented the Police Department's Monthly Status Report.

Councilmember Kicklighter said when is the contract to be signed for the lights to be fixed on Burnsed Blvd and Highway 21.

City Manager said the contract with Georgia Power is signed and mobilization should take place in three to five weeks. He said we were awarded the Gateway Grant and we are hoping that both projects can be completed about the same time.

Councilmember Jones asked if the Center Point water tower was finished.

Water Operations Director said everything is finished except some painting and testing.

City Manager Updates:

City Manager said the City has the distinguished honor of hosting a workshop during the Georgia Municipal Association Conference. He said it will be a one day workshop on June 29th here at City Hall. He said approximately 51 local delegates from throughout the State of Georgia are attending the workshop. He said this is definitely a unique opportunity for our city.

Items for Consideration:

First Reading, Soil Erosion & Sedimentation Ordinance: Clerk of Council read an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, to amend Chapter 30, Article III, entitled "Soil Erosion & Sedimentation Control Regulations"; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Kicklighter, City Council voted unanimously to approve the ordinance on the first reading.

Councilmember Kicklighter made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Shuman, to suspend the rules of council to hold the second reading of the Soil Erosion & Sedimentation Ordinance. City Council voted unanimously to suspend the rules of council and hold the second reading.

Second Reading, Soil Erosion & Sedimentation Ordinance: Clerk of Council read an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, to amend Chapter 30, Article III, entitled "Soil Erosion & Sedimentation Control Regulations"; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Shuman, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the Soil Erosion & Sedimentation Ordinance on the second reading.

Summer Meeting Schedule Resolution: Clerk of Council read a resolution to amend the regular meeting schedule of the Garden City Council for the period of July 1, 2010 – September 30, 2010, as follows:

Regularly Scheduled Meeting	July 5, 2010	Canceled
Regularly Scheduled Meeting	July 19, 2010	Affirmed
Regularly Scheduled Meeting	August 2, 2010	Canceled
Regularly Scheduled Meeting	August 16, 2010	Affirmed
Regularly Scheduled Meeting	September 6, 2010	Canceled
Regularly Scheduled Meeting	September 20, 2010	Affirmed

Upon motion by Councilmember Shuman, seconded by Councilmember Hall, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the Summer Meeting Schedule Resolution.

Enterprise Funds Franchise Fee Resolution: Clerk of Council read a resolution amending the City's Fiscal Policy for the purpose of establishing a franchise fee and overhead fee chargeable to the Water/Sewer and Stormwater Enterprise Funds.

Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Hall, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the Enterprise Funds Franchise Fee Resolution.

Annexation Petition: Mayor Holder said we have for consideration the acceptance of a petition for annexation by George Branford McKenzie, Jr., for processing.

Upon motion by Councilmember Shuman, seconded by Councilmember Jones, City Council voted unanimously to accept the petition for annexation by Georgia Branford McKenzie, Jr. for processing.

Police Department Surplus Vehicle: Mayor Holder said we have for consideration declaring K-9 Unit 422, 2004 Crown Victoria (106,514 miles) as surplus for auction.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Shuman, City Council voted unanimously to declare K-9 Unit 422, 2004 Crown Victoria (106,514 miles) as surplus for auction.

Nelson Avenue Sanitary Sewer Repair: City Manager said we have for consideration the following bids to perform the necessary repairs to the existing sanitary sewer line at the southern end of Nelson Avenue.

- Point Repair – Savannah River Utilities bid in the amount of \$78,000
- Cure-In-Place & Manhole Rehab – American Infrastructure Technologies Corporation bid in the amount of \$124,315.75.

Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Shuman, City Council voted unanimously to approve the bids to perform the necessary repairs to the existing sanitary sewer line on Nelson Avenue.

Adjournment: Upon motion by Councilmember Shuman, seconded by Councilmember Hall, City Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.